

Cyber Security Awareness "Kids Safe Online" Poster Contest



Eligibility

All public, private or homeschooled students in Kindergarten - 12th grades in the State of Mississippi

Judging

Posters will be judged on the following criteria: creativity, originality, poster concept and adherence to technical specifications.

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services will judge all entries and will submit the top 3 per grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) to the MS-ISAC to judge the national contest winners.

Any entry that infringes upon copyright will not be judged.

Winners

The MS Department of ITS will choose 3 winners for each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). Winners' artwork will then be submitted to the MS-ISAC for national contest judging. The MS-ISAC winners will appear in the MS-ISAC National Cyber Security Calendar. The school contact person named on the Poster Entry Form will be notified by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

The winning posters will be displayed in the 2014 National Cyber Security Calendar, the MS-ISAC website and may also be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about Internet and computer safety.

Submission Information

Submit the Poster Entry Form and Artwork to the address below. Limited to 1 entry per student.

Deadline

Poster entry forms and artwork must be received no later than December 14, 2012.

Posters entries can be submitted electronically or through the mail.

Electronic submission can be sent to: lnformation.Security@its.ms.gov

Mail to:

Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Attn: Bo Dickerson 3771 Eastwood Drive Jackson, MS 39211

All entries submitted become the property of the MS Department of ITS and the Center for Internet Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and may be used in future publications. <u>Posters will not</u> be returned.

Poster Topics & Technical Specifications

Getting Started

Poster art should illustrate the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices. Create original artwork that demonstrates one of the following concepts:

- Interacting with others and not bullying or threatening others on the Internet
- Not giving out personal information on the Internet
- Only visiting safe websites
- Being careful with email (not sending worms and viruses)
- Being careful not to download malicious code from games or websites
- How online gaming and gambling can be dangerous
- Protecting against identity theft
- Safe use of social networking such as Twitter, Facebook, myspace, etc.
- Any original concept that illustrates safe use of the Internet or mobile devices

Topics

Suggested topics:

- Cyber Security
- Cyber Bullying
- Cyber Community Citizenship (Cyber Ethics)
- Malicious Code (Worms and Viruses)
- Social networking
- Mobile Media Devices
- Inappropriate Texting

Additional information &ideas

For more information, please visit www.msisac.org

Technical Specifications

Format

- Original hand drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted
- Text should be dark and large enough to read

Materials

- Students may use watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, etc.
- Brighter colors are better for public display, light pencil marks do not show up well

Layout & Dimensions

- Minimum 8.5" x 11"
- Maximum 11" X 14"
- Landscape Layout Only

Content

- DO NOT send any artwork that contains trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, etc. For additional information on copyright visit: http://www.copyrightkids.org/
- Do not put any identifying information on the front of the poster.
- Teachers, support staff and parents may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process. No professional (paid) assistance is allowed.

Questions?

Contact Bo Dickerson by email at Bo.Dickerson@its.ms.gov or at 601-432-8165